

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 8/11/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-43, 45, 47, 49 and 50.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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This office action is in response to the amendment filed August 11, 2004. The changes to the claims are acknowledged. All claim objections and rejections made in the last office action are withdrawn in view of the amendment and accompanying remarks. Claims 1-43, 45, 47, and 49-50 remain.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-25 and 49-50 remain allowed as established in previous office actions. In the final office action, claims 26-43, 45, 47 and 48 were rejected for containing new matter. Applicant has overcome this rejection by amending claim 26 to remove the new matter. Claims 26-34, 39-43, 45, 47 and 48 were additionally rejected as being obvious under McGreer (US 2002/0181868) in view of Shimoda (US 6396988). However, applicant has confirmed that the application corresponding to the McGreer reference (09/870876), along with the present application, were both owned by Lightwave Microsystems Corporation at the time the presently claimed invention was made. Accordingly McGreer is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and the previous rejections thereunder have been withdrawn, and claims 26-43, 45, and 47 are now also allowed. None of the prior art references of record teach or suggest an arrayed waveguide grating having a waveguide width selected to set a predetermined polarization dependent wavelength, and also having a top cladding layer with the recited dopant concentration.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Mike Stahl at (571) 272-2360. Official communications which are eligible for submission by facsimile and which pertain to this application may be faxed to (703) 872-9306. Inquiries of a general or clerical nature (e.g., a request for a missing form or paper, etc.) should be directed to the technical support staff supervisor at (571) 272-1626.

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